

THE WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS

A BRIEF RECORD OF PASSING EVENTS IN THIS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

IN LATE DISPATCHES

DOINGS AND HAPPENINGS THAT MARK THE PROGRESS OF THE AGE.

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WESTERN

Four lumbermen lost their lives when the automobile in which they were traveling crashed through an open drawbridge at Aberdeen, Wash.

One bandit was slain, another probably fatally wounded and a third escaped as they were leaving the Cardin State Bank at Tar River, Okla., after robbing the bank of \$5,000 in cash.

Miss Jeanne Lemore, 26, shot and instantly killed Ras Cooksey, 40, a negro, in the federal building at Dallas, Texas, when he attempted to attack her in the women's rest room of the building.

Jack Howard, the convict who shot and killed Tom Slaughter, leader in the spectacular prison delivery at Little Rock, Ark., has been arrested by Sheriff J. J. Crow and taken back from Benton to stand trial.

Mrs. Elias Michael and Mrs. E. H. Steedman of St. Louis are the first women directors of a bank. Their names are contained in the list of directors of the Security National Bank Savings and Trust Company, announced recently. The bank opened Dec. 20.

A fight with an enraged Holstein bull came near being fatal to W. H. Baker, farmer of Bridger, Wyo., who is nursing numerous bruises, a sprained ankle and a sprained hand as a result thereof. The animal's horns also punctured his hip and loosened two of his teeth. Exhausted, he was lying on the ground with the bull standing over him when his wife and C. L. Drefson, a neighbor, came to his rescue.

Portland has accomplished the first step in plans for holding a world fair in 1925—indorsement by the voters of a \$2,000,000 tax levy to be spread over three years—and attention is now directed to the second effort in the financing of the project, approval by the people of the state of a \$3,000,000 tax, which, added to the amount Portland will raise and \$1,000,000 to be obtained by public subscription, will complete the financing.

WASHINGTON

Representative Moore, Democrat, Virginia, announced he would offer an amendment to the Walsh judicial bill limiting the activities of federal judges to judicial duties. Such an amendment would prevent Judge Landis from acting as baseball commissioner without resigning the judgeship.

Thirteen recommendations, including legalization of co-operative marketing combinations, lowering of freight rates on agricultural products and establishment of agricultural attaches in European capitals, are set forth in a report of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry filed in the Senate.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes announced that he will seek full terms for brewers who violate the Volstead law. The commissioner stated that he has instructed his counsel to institute proceedings against several breweries in eastern Pennsylvania and to ask the courts to inflict maximum penalties, including jail sentences.

One of the men rescued from the submarine S-48, which sank in Long Island Sound, charged that some person or persons at the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company blundered in not properly clamping the lid of a manhole and that the submerging of the boat was followed by an influx of water. As a result fifty-one men faced death for eleven hours.

The House ways and means committee with the tariff and tax revision off its hands for the present will take up the soldier bonus question immediately after the Christmas recess. Chairman Fordney announced that the committee's first order of business for the new year would be consideration of adjusted compensation legislation.

Funding of the \$11,000,000,000 debt owed the United States by foreign governments into obligations maturing not later than June 15, 1947, and bearing interest at not less than 5 per cent would be authorized under the funding bill as approved by the senate finance committee. Interest on the new obligations would be paid semi-annually and the minimum rate which would be permitted—5 per cent—is the rate on the existing obligations.

Celebration of the 100th Masonic birthday of George Washington by the Masonic clubs of the District of Columbia, recently, was made memorable by the presentation of the Bible on which Washington took the oath as a member of the fraternity. This volume is more than 175 years old.

Around 3,500 employees of the War Risk Insurance Bureau, now known as the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, will shortly be transferred to different ones of the thirteen outlying districts of the organization or be dismissed from the service.

FOREIGN

Since the passing of July last of the measure legalizing in Great Britain a marriage between a man and his brother's widow, it is estimated that more than 5,000 people have been married under it.

Leonard Pion, 16 years old, of Windsor Mills, Quebec, has confessed to the police that he murdered his mother, Mrs. Joseph Pion, by shooting her on Dec. 2. He had been under arrest as a material witness.

The interallied reparations commission has authorized a \$1,000,000,000 international loan guaranteed by German customs, to assist German indemnity payments, it has been announced. The loan will pay 7 per cent and run fifty years.

Four women have just passed their final examinations for the bar in London, but this does not mean that they become barristers immediately. They have to finish their course, so that they will probably be called to the bar during next year.

An official decree soon will be issued in Mexico establishing modifications of import duties, according to word received. The tariff on luxuries will be made twice as much as heretofore, the reports said. The tariff on tobacco, cigarettes, candies, silks, jewelry and matches will be increased.

Within ten years India will speak as a coequal partner with Canada and Australia in the British empire, the Right Hon. V. S. Srinawasa Sastri, India's representative in the British arms delegation, predicted in an address. He also predicted that possibly recent Irish developments would "quicken even his estimate of ten years."

The lash, deemed by dominion authorities one of the greatest deterrents to crime, was ordered applied to Patrick O'Hara and Albert Slade of Hamilton, Ontario, convicted of a \$2,800 bank robbery Aug. 12. Sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years, the convicts were ordered lashed seven times on beginning their terms and seven times upon completion.

Capt. Hans Berg, who commanded the German sea raider Appam, which put into Newport News, Va., after sinking a number of merchant ships, has committed suicide in Hamburg in a fit of despondency, said a dispatch from that city. Berg returned to Germany two years ago to find his homeland, Schleswig, had been awarded to Denmark. He returned to Hamburg, where he secured a humble job, but he was unable to make both ends meet.

GENERAL

The Grant Memorial Commission has definitely set April 27, 1922, as the date for dedication of the imposing Grant memorial at the extreme northeast end of the grounds of the Botanic Garden, in Washington.

Whisky valued at more than \$80,000 was removed from the T. B. Riply distillery, near Tyrone, Ky., by twenty armed men, who held up the superintendent and three guards. Ten barrels and 104 cases of bottled in bond whisky were removed by the bandits, who used three touring cars and two trucks to haul the liquor away.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have been asked by the American Game Protective Association to forbid its members wearing elks' teeth as emblems. This request was made in a resolution adopted after photographs had been shown picturing elks shot for their teeth alone. Speakers included Governor Cary of Wyoming.

An order directing the warden of San Quentin state prison to appear and show cause why he should not release Mrs. Louise Peete, who is serving a life term for the murder of Jacob Denton in Los Angeles, on the ground that her conviction by a jury on which thirteen members served was in violation of the United States constitution, was issued by the United States District Court at San Francisco.

J. L. Robertson, Greenwood, Miss.; Louis Romonolo, Clarksdale, and Jack Givens, Clarksdale, were killed, and J. L. Shipp of Helena, Ark., was seriously injured when a Yazoo & Mississippi Valley locomotive backed into an automobile driven by Givens.

Dr. Wilmer Amos Hadley, former army surgeon and ranchman, was put to death in the electric chair in the state penitentiary at Richmond, Va., for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Sue Tinsley Hadley, in November, 1918. Prison attendants declared Hadley went to his death calmly and stoically.

A tablet was unveiled in the custom house at Cleveland, Ohio, in memory of Joseph William Briggs, author of the present system of free city mail delivery and collection. Mr. Briggs conceived the idea while working as a clerk in the local postoffice, and was the first American letter carrier.

The tanker Santa Rita, which left New Orleans for Italy Oct. 20 with a \$1,000,000 cargo of oil, has been given up for lost, agents of the American Fuel Oil and Transportation Company announced. She carried a crew of thirty-five and was last sighted off Key West, three days after she left New Orleans.

President Harry Pratt Judson put the ban on smoking in women's dormitories at the University of Chicago. Accustomed to making their own rules, the dormitory women were suddenly confronted with a notice from house mothers that the cigarette was banned.

Wellington, Ohio, a community of 3,000 inhabitants, is thinking of abandoning the jail and giving the marshal a vacation. A survey shows only two arrests were made during the past ten months and that both prisoners, men, later were discharged.

Southwest News

From All Over
New Mexico
and Arizona

(Western Newspaper Union News Service.)

Building permits in Las Vegas, N. M., for the year total nearly \$800,000 or more than five times that of last year. This amount is for new work only and does not include all the repair work that is now going on in that city.

C. E. Newton of Cedar Hill, N. M., was instantly killed when the car in which he was riding turned over on a mountain pass near Farmington. Mr. Newton's wife and daughter, who were with him at the time, escaped uninjured.

A horse ridden by Charles Green of the Cherryvale country, fell into a sewer excavation at Las Vegas, N. M., and was instantly killed. When the animal made the plunge the rider was thrown to the pavement and badly bruised, but was able to make his way to the city hall where he reported the accident.

Dr. M. J. Wylder of Albuquerque was chosen as the president of the Medical and Surgical Association of the Southwest at the convention at Phoenix. At the close of the meeting El Paso was selected as the next meeting place. The Pacific Coast Roentgen Ray Society held its convention jointly at the same time.

At a recent meeting of the executive board of the Livestock and Agriculture Loan Company at Albuquerque, nearly three-quarters of a million in loans was decided on, bringing the total up to nearly \$3,000,000. The first three-quarters of a million has been approved by the board and the money is now arriving for distribution.

A check for \$25,000 was received from the federal government by the state treasurer's office at Phoenix as the second payment on the sum Arizona is to receive as federal aid for road building. The treasurer received the first payment, consisting of \$245,968.07. F. M. Holmquist, assistant state engineer, said that there still was half a million dollars due to the state in federal aid money.

Actual paving of the streets in the business section of Carlsbad, N. M., was started Dec. 1 when laborers of the Lee Moor Company started excavations for the curbing. A total of about fifteen blocks will be paved this year, and it is hoped to have most of the work completed shortly after the first of the year. In the spring it is planned to survey some of the residence part of the city with the view of extending the program.

Superior Judge Stanford has ordered the Arizona State Corporation Commission to take over the assets of the Arizona Fire Insurance Company and to liquidate its business. The order came after a hearing to show cause set by the court following the filing of a complaint by Attorney General Galbraith for the state on the relation of the corporation commission. The complaint asked the court to direct the commission to assume control of the company.

The little 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guillon of Alamogordo, N. M., was found after he had wandered alone in the nearby mountains for two days. The lad had been playing near the house and told his mother that he was going to meet his father, but when the father returned the child was not with him. A search was started at once and after dozens of people had roamed the hills for over twenty-four hours the boy was found in Bear Canon, three miles from the city. Aside from being cold and hungry he was none the worse for his experience.

Following the receipt of an "honest and straightforward apology" from Joseph W. Conway, senior law student expelled a few months because of alleged insubordination, the administration committee of the University of Arizona voted to accord him full privileges for registration at the beginning of the 1922-1923 school term, next September.

J. C. Starret of Wagon Mound, N. M., has a badly slashed throat as the result of driving his car into a gate over which there was a wire stretched. The car was going at a fair rate of speed and the wire struck the windshield, breaking it, and catching Mr. Starret just under the chin, cutting a bad gash in his throat which came near severing the jugular vein.

Declaring that striking conditions existed in the Santa Rita range in Arizona in the way of favorable pasturing and good calf crops, W. R. Chapline, inspector of grazing with the forest service of the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., said that in one herd of several hundred cattle the calf crop would be almost 85 per cent. This, he said, was unusually high for this year.

Joe Duran and Louis DeBaca pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing McFarland Brothers' Bank at Logan, N. M., on the afternoon of Nov. 30, and were sentenced to serve ten to fifteen years in the penitentiary by Judge Sam Bratton at a special term of District Court at Tucuman.

Three thousand acres of state land adjoining Camp Harry J. Jones at Douglas, Ariz., will be used by United States soldiers for maneuvers and additional camp ground, according to an announcement made by Rudolph Koehler, state land commissioner.

HUGHES WANTS EXPLANATION

CALLS ON BRIAND IN FAILURE TO HARMONIZE WITH U. S. NAVAL POLICIES.

FRANCE WANTS FLEET

PLANS PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE HAS FULL AUTHORITY OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

(Western Newspaper Union News Service.)

Washington.—Secretary Hughes as chairman of the armament conference has communicated directly with Premier Briand of France regarding the situation which has developed as a result of the stand of the French delegation on naval ratios. Mr. Hughes is understood to have called the attention of M. Briand to the unexpected nature of the French proposal and to its failure to harmonize with the basic principles upon which the limitation of naval armaments plan was drawn.

Proposals made by the French delegation by the naval committee included a definite schedule of construction which contemplated the replacement by 1941 of the present French battle fleet by ten new ships totaling 350,000 tons.

The proposals and the accompanying schedule of planned construction were presented with the full authority of the French government, it was learned on best authority, and were not as has been indicated in some quarters merely "a tentative departmental plan."

The first new ship, would be laid down in 1926 under the French plan submitted to the committee, and each year the keel of an additional ship would be laid to gradually replace and augment the present capital ship tonnage of France, which, in the opinion of her government is antiquated in design and inadequate to properly protect the nation's interests.

Authoritative French opinion as obtained tonight, was that the plan and its resulting ratio for France was entirely reasonable. It was made plain that there was no disposition to modify the proposals in their vital features, or to accept the 175,000-ton ratio proposed by the American delegation.

The naval experts of the French delegation estimated that the last of the new ships would be ready for service in 1941, or not before ten years after the period of the naval holiday contemplated in the limitation agreement now before the conference.

Essential features of the French plan were submitted in a table illustrating proposed construction, as follows:

Year. Capital Ship Tonnage.
1926—164,000 (all old dreadnaughts.)
1931—200,000 (two new and six old dreadnaughts.)
1936—235,000 (one old and seven new dreadnaughts.)
1941—350,000 (ten new dreadnaughts.)

An analysis, it was explained, would show that the French navy after ten years would figure about 200,000 tons of capital ships, including two new dreadnaughts, and that this would be only 60,000 tons, representing approximately the tonnage of the two new ships over the allotment made to France under the American plan.

Bandit Holds Up Theater.

New York.—Three bandits entered the Capitol theater building, held up the auditor, Louis Faulkner, and three other theater employees, and escaped down a fire escape with \$10,000.

500 Arrested in Chicago.

Chicago.—More than 500 persons are under arrest here charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The prisoners are being held at various police stations. Chief Fitzmorris said that plans for further arrests were under way. The arrests were made in raids conducted by the police at the order of the chief of police, who has promised to "make Chicago so dry that it squeaks." Among the places raided was the exclusive Casino Club which numbers among its members many society folks.

Chinese Cabinet Resigns.

Peking.—The Chinese cabinet has resigned. No official reason is obtainable. In unofficial circles, however, the decision is interpreted in three ways: As a protest against the reactionary regime proposed by Gen. Chang Tso Lin, governor of Manchuria; the demand of Chang Tso Lin for material support by the government; and a confession that the financial situation is impossible of solution.

Old G. O. P. Leader Dead.

San Bernardino, Calif.—R. S. Hick, aged 83 years, who campaigned with Abraham Lincoln and was one of the few surviving delegates of the convention at Springfield, Ill., in 1854, when the Republican party organization was started, is dead here. Mr. Hick was born at Floyd, N. Y., in 1829. He was elected to the Legislature of Illinois in 1858 from Livingston, LaSalle and Grundy counties. He later served as state senator in Kansas from Pottawatomie county.

DENIES FAIRIES WERE MYTHS

British Professor Introduces Arguments to Show That They Were in Common With Mankind.

In an address delivered before the anthropological section of the British association an attempt was made to reconstruct the anatomy of fairies and to show that these lively, delightful and beautiful beings are not the creations of the imagination of centuries of story tellers but were once a real race of people. The true key of the idea is found in the fact that although fairy women are generally represented as lovely, some of the tribes of men fairies are described as ugly, and fairy children when left as changelings are invariably pictured as repulsive urchins of a sallow complexion and most deformed about the feet and legs.

When one approaches the fairy question in this way, the professor pointed out, one is forced, it strikes him, to conclude that fairies as a real people consisted of a short, stumpy, swarthy race, which made its habitations underground or otherwise cunningly concealed.

They were hunters, probably, and fishermen; at any rate they were not tillers of the ground or eaters of bread. Most likely they had some of the domestic animals and lived mainly on milk and the produce of the chase, together with what they got by stealing.

They seem to have practiced the art of spinning, although they do not appear to have thought much of clothing. They appear to have had a language of their own, which would imply a time when they knew no other, and explain why when they came to town to do their marketing they laid down the exact money without uttering a syllable to anybody by way of bargaining for their purchases. They counted by fives and dealt only in the simplest of numbers.

They were inordinately fond of music and dancing. They had a marvellously quick sense of hearing and were consummate thieves; but their thievery was not systematically resented, as their visits were held to bring luck and prosperity. More powerful races generally feared them as formidable magicians, who knew the future and could cause or cure disease as they pleased.

Trust Idea Is Very Old.

"Trusts," like many other things supposed to be entirely modern, are by no means new features of life. They are, indeed, at least as ancient as the pyramids.

It appears that the earliest form of trust was the cornering of foodstuffs by monarchs and their agents. Assyrian records 7,000 or 8,000 years old give accounts of these monopolistic transactions.

In the days of the Romans monopoly was a recognized institution. The Roman government farmed out taxes; the tax farmer placed embargoes on the food supplies of the provinces to make up arrears in taxes.

In the Middle Ages the trade guilds controlled the output of certain arts and industries, and also the means of distribution. This form of monopoly, like the famous league of the Hanse free towns, was for protection against competition from towns not in the league.

The most complete monopoly in the Middle Ages was the Venetian control of shipping in the Adriatic, which was powerful enough to turn an entire crusade from its purpose to the capture of a Christian town which Venice wanted. It was the price the crusaders had to pay for ships to transport them to Palestine.

Pumps Soft or Hard Water.

In domestic water supply systems it has been necessary to have two pumps, one for the hard-water well and the other for the soft-water cistern. Now this service can be supplied automatically with one pump fitted with a patented double-acting valve, says a writer in Popular Mechanics Magazine. This valve is cylindrical in form and has six openings, two to the inlet and outlet openings of the pump; two to the hard and soft-water discharges, and the two for the suction pipes to the hard and soft-water supplies. In the barrel of the cylinder are three pistons made to move one way or the other, according to the direction of the greater pressure, and to close automatically the ports so that when water is drawn from a soft-water faucet the hard-water ports are closed, and vice versa.

Donetz Basin Coal Fields.

The Donetz basin, in southern Russia, is the most important of the coal fields of that country, according to the commerce reports of the United States Department of Commerce. During the month of March, 1921, it furnished 530,430 long tons. The output of the region was about 60 per cent of the production of all soviet Russia and about 75 per cent of the production of soviet Russia in Europe. In July, 1921, production had dropped to 161,320 tons.

Gifted Discoverer.

Belcher—Columbus was a prophet. Crane—No, my son, Columbus was a discoverer. He discovered America. "Yes, but when he first saw it didn't he shout, 'I see dry land!'"—Answers.

Not Efficient.

Fenton—Youth accomplishes very little indeed.
Hilton—Yes; at sweet fifteen a girl is always too busy giggling to have time to do anything else.—Answers.

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Stop Movie Exploiting.

Peoria.—Motion picture theater owners will not tolerate films exploiting wrong doing or any commercialization of offenses against society, Sydney S. Cohen, president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, declared at the meeting of the Illinois picture exhibitors. "The exhibitors must take the unqualified position of refusing to show any film containing elements of indecency or objectionable matter, which exploits an individual enveloped in a scandal," he said. "No sooner has a grave offense against the peace of the people been committed than the one involved seeks to exploit himself or herself in the movies, thus cashing in on his or her crime."

Russia to Pay Poland.

Warsaw.—Gold and jewels estimated to be worth 50,000,000 Polish marks, the Russian soviet government's first payment to Poland under the treaty of peace signed at Riga on March 18 last, have arrived here. Diamonds, rubies and other precious stones and gold bar, filling 100 cases in all, were brought here on a special train under military escort. The bul-
let, weighing 1,280 pounds, gives Poland its first substantial gold reserve.

Can Not Meet Payments.

Paris.—Germany will not be able to meet in full her reparations payments of 1,000,000,000 gold marks falling due Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, and has so informed the allied reparations commission. A moratorium is not asked for by Germany in its note, which merely lays Germany's financial situation before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the installments, each of 500,000,000 gold marks.

Plot to Grab Castle Discovered.

Copenhagen.—The police have discovered plans showing that the homeless unemployed in Copenhagen contemplated seizure of the Christiansborg castle, which is the king's official residence and the meeting place of the Danish Parliament, intending to use it as a sleeping place. The plans were taken from the persons of men leading the unemployed workmen's organizations, who when arrested also carried copies of a resolution addressed to the American minister, Dr. J. B. Prince, threatening reprisals for the conviction of murder in Massachusetts of the Italians, Sacco and Vanzetti.

New Thrift Bonds.

Washington.—Formal announcement was made by the Treasury Department of the issuance of a new form of government security to be known as treasury savings certificates. The certificates, also known as "thrift bonds," have been placed on sale in unlimited amounts. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon expressed the hope that annual sales of these certificates would amount to \$500,000,000.

Mexicans Bar American Funeral.

Mobile, Ala.—Permission to bury the body of an American seaman on Mexican soil was denied officers of the United States shipping board tanker Halway by Mexican officials at Fort Lobos, Mexico, when the vessel docked there recently, according to George Bryant, chief officer of the tanker. The dead man was John Lee, a pump man, who was suffocated while in the hold of the vessel repairing a manhole. No reason was given by the Mexican authorities for their attitude.